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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims, which includes claims 14-23, will replace all prior versions, and listings, of those claims. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173(b), claims 1-13 of the issued patent are not listed below.

Listing of Claims:

14. (Previously Presented) A matrix tray carrier for supporting one or more articles, comprising:

a main body for supporting the one or more articles and having a plurality of receptacles adapted to receive and support the one or more articles, at least some of the receptacles being aligned along one side of the main body and having an open end lying generally in a plane; an end wall along the one side of the main body and extending away from the receptacles, the end wall including at least one engagement means, comprising a slot near an edge of the end wall; and

at least one indicator means for engagement with the engagement means, the at least one indicator means providing information to an observer regarding the matrix tray carrier or the one or more articles, the at least one indicator means comprising a rider that is configured to be received into the slot such that the rider is moveable relative to the slot in a direction that is generally perpendicular to the plane and is secured within the slot against movement in a direction that is generally parallel to the plane.

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15. (Previously Presented) The matrix tray of claim 14, wherein the slot has a side wall having at least a portion arranged at an oblique angle relative to the edge of the end wall.
16. (Previously Presented) The matrix tray of claim 14, wherein the slot includes opposing side walls each having a portion arranged at an oblique angle relative to the edge of the end wall.
17. (Previously Presented) The matrix tray of claim 14, wherein the slot has a width in a direction that is generally parallel to the edge of the end wall and wherein the width is greater near the receptacles than near the edge of the end wall.
18. (Previously Presented) The matrix tray of claim 14, wherein the end wall and the receptacles are a first color and the rider is a second, different color.
19. (Previously Presented) The matrix tray of claim 18, wherein the second color is indicative of contents in the receptacles.
20. (Previously Presented) The matrix tray of claim 14, wherein the slot is at least partially open along the edge of the end wall such that at least a portion of the rider is visible along the edge.

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21. (Previously Presented) The matrix tray of claim 14, wherein the rider has at least one securing member on at least one side of the rider and including a stud that is adapted to be secured to the securing member.
22. (Previously Presented) The matrix tray of claim 14, wherein the end wall has a length and the slot has a width that is less than one-half the end wall length.
23. (Previously Presented) The matrix tray of claim 14, wherein the rider has a first surface that is visible when the rider is received in the slot and a second surface perpendicular to the first surface, and wherein the second surface is visible when the rider is received in the slot.